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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING 8-CHLORO-3 (ß-  
DIETHYLAMINOETHYL) -4-METHYL-7-  
ETHOXYCARBONYL-METHOXY COUMARIN  
BASE AND THE SALTS THEREOF, WITH  
CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING ACTIVITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/05383 which has an International filing date of June 13, 2000, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.--